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## TERRORIST GROUP REPORTED IN INDIA

### Airport Security Tightened in Fear of Abu Nidal Faction

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NEW DELHI, April 13 — Indian and American authorities have tightened security at airports and at the United States Embassy after receiving reports that members of a Middle Eastern terrorist group entered India last month.

Indian and American officials said Friday that reports had been received that members of the group led by Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabry al-Banna, came into India last month under what may have been false passports and were at large in India.

Indian officials and Middle Eastern diplomats said one of the sources of the report was the Palestine Liberation Organization. The P.L.O. has close ties to India and maintains an embassy in New Delhi.

Western intelligence officials have linked the Abu Nidal group to bombings and other terrorist acts in the Middle East and Europe.

In addition, Western diplomats in Pakistan say the group was responsible for the hijacking of a Pan American jetliner in Karachi, Pakistan, last September in which 21 people were killed and more than 100 were wounded.

#### 'Extremely Concerned'

An Indian official said the Government was "extremely concerned" and that security had been increased at the New Delhi airport and other major airports to guard against any attack or hijacking attempt. All people not holding an airline ticket are barred from Indian airports.

An American official said some security measures had been imposed at the embassy in New Delhi, including increased protection by Indian officials for Ambassador John Gunther Dean.

In addition, the American Embassy has alerted people with American businesses in New Delhi to be cautious about the risk of terrorist actions.

A report about the entry of members of the Abu Nidal group was carried in the Indian press two weeks ago. It was said then that five members of the organization had entered the country under false names and passports and were believed to be preparing an effort to secure the release of five men held in Pakistan awaiting trial for the Karachi hijacking.

#### 'Vague Information'

American officials said few details were available about the people said to have entered India. He said the United States had received reports from Indian authorities, including names, "fake descriptions and vague information about passports they might be traveling under."

There was some confusion about the source of information for the report about the Abu Nidal group. An Indian official said it was India that had alerted the United States, and American officials confirmed this.

But two Indian officials asserted that the United States had alerted India to the report. An American official vehemently denied this.

The American official said that the Indian Government had "no specific idea where these people are" and that "if they know more, they are not telling us."

He said that reports of suspicious people entering a country are a somewhat routine part of American intelligence gathering but that it was "very unusual" for such a report to be connected with India, where there have been no terrorist actions related to the Middle East.